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ABSTRACT

A remote control device is provided having a display for enabling a user to view information relating to a television program currently being viewed (or not being viewed) without having the information appearing on the television screen. The remote control device of the present disclosure includes the display, e.g., a graphical user interface, for displaying the information relating to the television program, as well as other information. The remote control device can receive the information related to the television program currently being viewed by various means, such as an RF link or a direct connection to an Internet connected host, such as a set top box or a personal computer, an RF link to a remote central station which broadcasts an RF modulated signal which includes the information to be displayed, a set top box having a telephone connection for uploading the information to be displayed from the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) or the Internet and transmitting the uploaded information via an RF link to the remote control device, and via an RF link to a set top box receiving a broadcast signal having the information to be displayed therein.

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